

DETAILED ACTION

The Examiner thanks the Applicants' attorney, Benjamin Han, for the time and courtesies extended in the telephone interview on March 23, 2009.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 17, 19-21, and 25-29 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 17, 19-21, and 25-29 are allowed because none of the prior art of record discloses or suggests the claimed control element and controller, in combination with the remaining claimed features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed April 9, 2009, with respect to the objection to claim 29 and the rejections of claims 17, 19-21, and 25-29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection and rejections have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The US patents of Lafortune (3,617,017), Seelig (6,005,304), Stone (6,032,546), Gerken et al. (6,078,198), Seelig et al. (6,462,432), and Pica (6,845,941) disclose rotary-wing aircraft and similar power distribution systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal I. Kaplan whose telephone number is 571-272-8587. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Elms can be reached on 571-272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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